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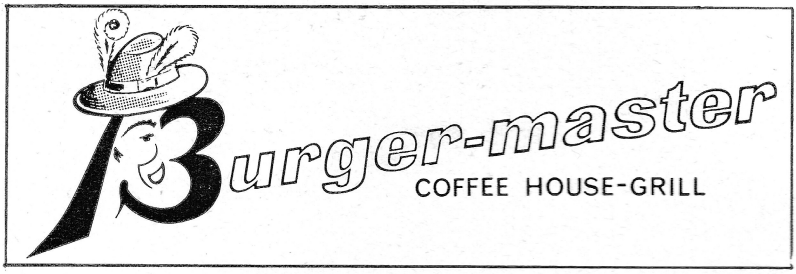

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FROM THE MANAGERS CHAIR

For the second time this season our lads took part in a "no contest" on Saturday. Blackburn paraded all its worst weather—rain, thunder, lightning, sleet and snow—and the referee had no option but to call the match off.

Unfortunately this puts us three games behind the leaders and leave us with all the frustrated sense of mind that is attached to unplayed games.

Where do we stand? If we get one, two or three points from these outstanding games we move up to sixth place, but if we can collect four we will be disputing third place with Millwall and Cardiff.

Of course, if we can strike top form and get five or six then we will be challenging Middlesbrough for second spot.

This emphasises to me just how close is the race for the First Division. I would say that we are in not too bad a place in the field and with 16 games to go we have to start jockeying into position.

Unless Derby slip up badly (and Southampton still remember when they were six points clear with eight games to go and still did not go up) they look to have one of the prizes.

There are, to my mind, seven other clubs in with a chance. We have to play four of them—Middlesbrough, Cardiff, Hull and our South London neighbours Millwall—at Selhurst Park and every one of these games will be almost a double-bonus affair.

I firmly believe that 54 points will be enough to win promotion and the way things are going the seven clubs are going to have to fight hard to attain this target.

Anyone who can sustain a fairly good run could do it and no matter how much we juggle with the figures it all comes down to the skills, determination and pride of the 11 men who turn out on match day.

Yet their efforts must be backed by the terrace supporters, who can help put pressure on our opponents through their vocal encouragement. We will make Palace history if we reach the First Division and you, the fan, can do so much to help.

Including today's match—and you do not need telling how important it is—we have eight home matches left. With the prize so big it is worth risking a sore throat if it helps us reach our goal and I am sure the team will respond. Let us all have a bash and let our hair down: the run-in to the end of the season has seldom been so important.

As you will see the new stand is coming along well, but there is one small snag. The overhang on the roof will have some effect on our floodlighting, which was why we were happy we had no more evening games scheduled.

However, the rearranged game against Oxford United is on February 19 and so the roofing at the corners of the stand will be delayed. We then have to look ahead to next season and may go into the possibility of bringing ourselves bang up to date with lights on the roof of the new stand of a completely new design.

BERT HEAD.

TOM VANSITART

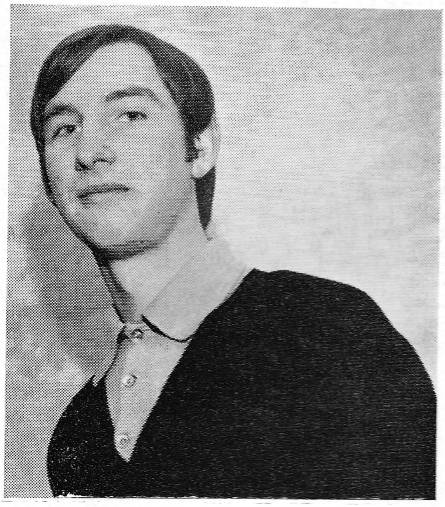
Now in his third year with us, after having Arthur Rowe spot him, is Tom Vansitart. Tom progressed through School and his District Clubs, and won for Surrey a badge in the Under 15's.

"Crystal Palace as a club," said Tom, "is very good, you get treated well, and I'm quite happy to stay with them for the rest of my footballing career. Training, although sometimes I think it's a bind, is done for a purpose, a purpose of which without there would be no Professional Football."

Tom has two brothers, and Mike his eldest, plays football for the firebrigade where he works.

"I enjoy relaxing, listening to the Beach Boys and going to the Cinema. I even take the dog out for walks, as I find this helps me to concentrate, and to think in general about life. I tend to do more thinking than actually doing. I don't plan ahead, but live from day to day, and so I've not really thought of what I would do after or when I finish with football."

"I haven't got a car, but Alan Morton picks me up in his each morning, and it's about half hours drive to the club." Tom is taking a coaching course, and has just sat for an exam. "It's just recently that I've really taken an interest in football, I tended just to play the game without wanting to know what it was all about."



JIM OLIVER

Jim Oliver signed for Crystal Palace in March 1967. He managed to get himself a school trial, which was arranged by one of his teachers, and he was then asked to play for the Juniors, and has rapidly progressed from there.

Aged 19, and living with his parents, Jim drives a Triumph Herald, which he added was in a shakey condition. "The condition of the car," said Jim, "becomes more evident each morning, because of the 45 minute drive from Southall. I know nothing about the mechanics of a car, and just hope that nothing goes wrong."

When Jim was asked as to whether he was married or not, he laughed and said "Not on your life." He has no other hobby other than that of football "This is my only sport." His simple ambition in football is just to do well, and make the grade.

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OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

MILLWALL

Palace and Millwall are the only two London clubs never to play in the First Division. But neither of us have ever been closer to the top section than we are at the moment so we can expect a rare old tussle this afternoon. We go into the game with two points in our favour—ground advantage, and the knowledge that we have already beaten the Lions on their own ground this season. Mark Lazarus and Bobby Woodruff were our scorers in a fine 2—0 victory at The Den in November.

Millwall's excellent away record has been married a little by their dropping five points on their last three trips but, as the point they gained was gathered against one of the strongest promotion challengers, Middlesbrough, it emphasises that the Lions are still no easy side to beat. They have won at Charlton (4—3), Blackburn (4—2), Bolton (4—0), Birmingham (2—1), Norwich (3—0) and Huddersfield (2—0) and, apart from their draw at Middlesbrough, they have collected points at Aston Villa (1—1), and Bury (0—0). Defeats were suffered at Sheffield United (0—1), Derby (0—1), Portsmouth (0—3) and Cardiff (0—2).

Two players, who 18 months ago faced tough decisions over their careers, have emerged as Millwall's star attackers. Keith Weller and Derek Possee both had to choose between remaining at Tottenham in the vague hope that they could make the grade there, or stepping down into Second Division football where they could expect regular first-team soccer. Neither has regretted his action. Today they are possibly the two most feared strikers in the division, both having topped the dozen mark. A special article has been devoted to Keith Weller's career on another page.

One of the men charged with the creative work in attack is Eamonn Dunphy, a Republic of Ireland international, who started his professional career with Manchester United. The other stars shone too brightly for him at Old Trafford, so he made his entry into League football with Fourth Division York City in 1965. Before that season ended he moved to Millwall. Eamonn has recently gone into business as a director of a company which has just launched an excellent soccer coaching record.

Latest acquisition to the attack is Gordon Bolland, who made the short journey across from Charlton in October. Bolland started with Chelsea but really made his mark in League football with Orient. He spent almost four years with Norwich before linking with Charlton last season. Billy Neil, who came from Bonnyrigg Rose F.C. in Scotland, has been a regular for four years now. Ken Jones first tasted League football as a 17-year-old in Southend's side and has been with Millwall four years.

Two former West Ham players are giving the club splendid service. Dennis Burnett got into the Hammers' side three seasons back, signing from Millwall in 1967. Harry Cripps didn't make the senior team at Upton Park but has proved a sound defender since making his League debut with Millwall in 1962.

Goalkeeper Bryan King was spotted with Chelmsford City and promoted to Millwall's first-team last season. John Gilchrist, a former Scottish schoolboy and youth international who joined the club from Airdrie in 1960, is now working towards his 300th game for the Lions. Barry Kitchener fought his way from the ranks of Millwall's junior teams to make his senior bow two seasons ago. Ex-Queen's Park Rangers forward George Jacks has been settling down at wing-half this season.

Millwall's last visit to Selhurst Park was on November 18, 1967:

PALACE (1) 2	MILLWALL (1) 2
White 2	Jacks, Conlon
	30,304

PALACE: Jackson (J); Long, Presland; Payne, Stephenson, Bannister; White, Kember, Byrne, Woodruff, Jackson (C).

MILLWALL: King; Gilchrist, Burnett; Jacks, Kitchener, Jones; Possee, Dunphy, Conlon, Howell, Neil.

With Palace and Millwall both fighting for a place in Division One, it is interesting to recall that, just eight years ago, we met here in a game which attracted what still remains

the record attendance for any *Fourth* Division game:

PALACE (0) 0	MILLWALL (2) 2
37,774	Jones, Burridge

In spite of that defeat, Palace went on to gain promotion while Millwall finished sixth.

The club was formed as Millwall Rovers in 1885, were one of the prime movers behind the formation of the Southern League in 1894 and won the championship the first season without losing a game. They topped the table again the following season and, during their membership of the Southern League, they twice reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup: in 1900 and 1903.

They became founder-members of Division III (South) in 1920 and their 41 seasons of League football have been divided between Division II (11 seasons), Division III (3), Division III South (22) and Division IV (5). Their complete League record, including 27 games this season, is:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1811	741	453	617	2817	2543	1935

Millwall blazed a trail again in 1937 by becoming the first Third Division club to reach the F.A. Cup semi-finals. On the way they beat First Division clubs Chelsea Derby County and Manchester City, who became League Champions that season, and lost narrowly 1—2 to Sunderland at the penultimate stage.

The Lions created the record for the most wins in a season in Division III (South) when winning 30 games in 1927/28—this was later equalled, but never bettered—and they still have the record for the fewest defeats in Division IV: 7 in 1964/65. This was equalled by Luton last season.

In 1964/65, as a Fourth Division club, and 1965/66 in Division III, Millwall became the only side ever to remain unbeaten at home in successive seasons in *different divisions*. Millwall were hoping to make it a wonderful hat-trick by repeating the process in this division, but the run was brought to an end—after a run of 59 undefeated home League games—when Plymouth beat them 2—1 at The Den in January 1967.

Millwall were champions of Division III (S) in 1928 and 1938 and Fourth Division champions in 1962. They won promotion in successive seasons as runners-up of Division IV in 1965 and Division III in 1966. They shared the Division III (S) Challenge Cup in 1937 following two drawn games with Watford in the final.

The longest run without defeat from the start of a season since World War I is 19 games, established by Liverpool in 1949/50 but equalled by Millwall in Division IV (1959/60). In seasons 1928/29, 1929/30 and 1930/31 Millwall finished in 14th position in Division II with the same number of points (39) each time.

Millwall's F.A. Cup run this season was brought to an end by Leicester City, who scored a 1—0 victory at The Den. a fortnight ago. In the third round they had beaten Middlesbrough 1—0 after drawing 1—1 at Ayresome Park.

Their League Cup hopes were similarly halted by a First Division club at the second hurdle. Barnsley went under 3—1 at The Den, following a 1—1 draw, then Wolves coasted through with a 5—0 win at Molineux.

Man at the Helm

BENNY FENTON

Millwall's Manager

BENNY FENTON is a Cockney who has spent his long and distinguished career entirely with clubs in London and the Home Counties. He started as a 17 year-old professional with West Ham before the war and his first contact with Millwall, where he now reigns supreme, was in 1945 when he was transferred to them as a budding inside-forward.

Charlton paid £6,000 for him in January 1947 and while with them he converted to wing-half, the position in which most fans best remember him. He became Colchester United's player-manager in 1955 and it was his grand inspiration that transformed a group of quite ordinary players into a respectable Third Division side. But, my, how Benny used to anger the crowds with his shouting, gesticulating and bundless energy when playing away! And I'm sure he enjoyed every moment of it!

Fenton was appointed manager of Leyton Orient in October 1963 shortly after they had lost their First Division place. Brisbane Road was a depressing place then: the club was dangerously debt-ridden, the spirit was low and it needed more than Benny's tremendous enthusiasm to revive it. The necessary backing wasn't forthcoming and he left after only 13 months.

He took charge of Millwall in May 1966 and has now built a team which is a hot favourite for promotion. Benny, who has experienced most of the ups and downs in this hurly-burly world of football, contends: "If you are to be a good manager you mustn't worry about losing leisure hours. You've got to put your back into the work and can't bother about hobbies or outside interests."

Benny Fenton

Keith Weller

Spotlight on . . . KEITH WELLER

KEITH WELLER faced the most important decision of his career 18 months ago. Having developed through Spurs' junior sides, he had begun to get a few occasional matches in their League eleven and, with the rebu8lding going on at White Hart Lane, he must have considered he might have been included in their plans for the future.

But taking over from big-money stars can also prove heartbreaking for a local lad so, on balance, Keith decided to make the and accept Millwall's offer of a place in their Second Division side. After only one season Keith knows he came to the correct conclusion.

It was a couple of months before he settled into the Millwall team but once he started finding the net he scored with almost a monotonous regularity throughout the campaign to finish top club scorer with 14 League goals. His Spurs' colleague, Derek Possee who was in a similar position, formed a formidable dual spearhead last term with Derek netting 12 times in all.

Weller recorded his first League hat-trick a few weeks ago when he banged three, including one penalty, into Bolton's net. He is challenging to become Millwall's leading scorer again this season and has already netted almost as many as he got during the whole of last season.

Keith's ambition now is to help Millwall into the First Division and to return to his old White Hart Lane headquarters to show Spurs what they missed.

Weller's League Career:

		Aps.	*Goals*
Tottenham	1964/65	6	0
,,	1965/66	5	1
,,	1966/67	8(2)	0
Millwall	1967/68	41	14
		60(2)	15

(Figures in brackets denotes additional appearances as substitute.)

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MATCH SUMMARIES

Wednesday, 22nd January

RES. XI v. READING RES. (Away) LOST 2-4 (HT 2-2) Football Combination.

Team—Parsons, Wooldridge, Corrigan, Hoadley, Snowdon, Goldthorpe, Oliver, Morton, Tomkins L., Blyth (1), Vansittart. Sub: Harland—not used. 1 Own Goal.

Reading—Dixon, Vishton, Bench, Spiers, Hitchcock, Simmons, Meldrum (2), Quinn (1), Scott, Sainty (1), Docherty. Sub: Henderson—not used. Attendance: 717. Referee: T. D. Spencer.

Saturday, 25th January

1st XI v. BLACKPOOL (Home) LOST 1-2 (HT 1-0) Football League Division II.

Palace—Jackson J, Sewell, Loughlan, Payne, McCormick, Hoy, Lazarus, Kember (1), Jackson C., Woodruff, A. Taylor. Sub: Dawkins—not used.

Blackpool—Taylor, Armfield, Bentley, Craven (1), James, McPhee, Johnston (1), Green, Rowe, Suddick, Hutchison. Sub: Allcock for Rowe after 41 min. Attendance—17,003. Referee: J. K. Taylor.

RES. XI v. PETERBOROUGH RESERVES (Away) WON 2-0 (HT 2-0) Football Combination.

Team—Parsons, Wooldridge, Corrigan, Long, Snowdon, Goldthorpe, Oliver, Cook (1), Tomkins L., Morton, Vansittart. Sub: Hoadley for Snowdon 35 min. 1 Own Goal.

Peterborough—Drewery, Noble, Kwaitkowski, Thompson, Turner, Cooper, Hellawell, Pyatt, Wosahls, Downes, Flannagan. Sub: Mason not used. Attendance: 1,260. Referee: A. M. Smith.

JNR. (U.18) XI v. READING JUNIORS (Away) WON 4-2 (HT 3-0) South East Counties League Division 1.

Team—Cringan, Doran, Gonzalez, Lewis (1), Brown, Harland, Bourne (1), Mosedale (1), Grove, Jenkins (1), Tomkins S. Sub: MacLeod for Gon ale after 65 mins. Referee: J. A. Messenger.

JUN. (U.17) v. MILLWALL (Banstead Hosp.) WON 3-2 (HT 2-2) South East Counties League Division 2.

Team—Chapman, P. Brown, Fillery, Mann, Bell, Dicker, Newman, Prime (2), Crane, Kilby, Norman (1). Sub: Fuller—not used. Referee: E. Tomlinson.

Wednesday, 29th January

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM v. BORO COLLEGE (Isleworth) (Away) WON 3-0 (HT 3-0) Friendly Match.

Team—Parsons, Wooldridge, Corrigan, Lewis, Vansittart, Goldthorpe, Hoadley, Mosedale, Morton, Cook, Oliver. Sub- Harland for Oliver after 45 minutes.

Saturday, 1st February

1st XI v. BLACKBURN ROVERS (Away) DRAW 0-0 (Abandoned after 18 minutes) Football League Division 2.

Team—J. Jackson, Sewell, Loughlan, Payne, McCormick, Blyth, A. Taylor, Kember, Hoy, Dawkins, C. Taylor. Sub: L. Tomkins—not used.

Blackburn—Blacklaw, Rogers, Wilson, Mulvaney, Coddington, Sharples, Metcalfe, Darling, Fryatt, Martin, Connelly. Sub. Helliwell—not used. Referee: D. C. Fieldsend. Attendance: 10,286.

RES. XI v. FULHAM RESERVES (Selhurst) LOST 0-3 (HT 0-2) Football Combination.

Team—Parsons, Wooldridge, Corrigan, Long, Hoadley, Goldthorpe, Oliver, Cook, Morton, Mosedale, Vansittart. Sub: Harlnd for Mosedale after 65 mins.

Fulham—Seymour, Longstaff, Moreline, Murray, Ryan, Cardie, Barrett, Halom, Byrne (3), Salvage, Parmenter. Sub: Moss for Salvage after 70 minutes. Referee: R. G. Kibble. Attendance: 1,441.

JUN. (U.18) XI v. OXFORD JUNIORS (Banstead) WON 2-0 (HT 0-0) South East Counties League Division 1.

Team—Crinigan, Doran, Fuller, Lewis, M. Brown' Austin, Bourne (1), Jenkins, Grove, S. Tomkins (1), Norman. Sub: Harland for Norman after 80 minute Referee: J. G. Sweet.

JUN. (U.17) XI v. FULHAM JUNIORS (Away) LOST 1-3 (HT 1-3) South East Counties League Division 2.

Team—Chapman, P. Brown, Fillery, Mann, Bell, Dicker (1), Newman, Prime, Crane, Kilby, T. Clark. Sub: Briselden for Prime after 65 minutes. Referee: A. Ward.

AMATEUR YOUTH XI v. CROYDON AMATEURS (Beckenham) WON 2-1 (HT 1-1) Surrey Youth Challenge Cup 1st Round.

Team—Gandolfi, Van Eck, P. Clarke, Bobb (1), M. Cole, Rogers, Pain (1), Stanton, Tanner, Green, Barry. Sub: Webber for Rogers after 45 mins. Referee: A. D. Gwyer.

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

A Birmingham .....Manchester Utd. ...

B Blackburn .....Manchester City

C Chelsea .....Stoke City .....

D Everton .....Bristol Rovers .....

E Leicester.....Liverpool .....

F Mansfield .....West Ham .....

G Tottenham .....Aston Villa .....

H West Bromwich ...Arsenal .....

J Bury .....Blackpool .....

K Cardiff .....Oxford .....

L Carlisle .....Derby .....

M Huddersfield .....Fulham .....

N Norwich .....Bristol City .....

P Portsmouth .....Hull City .....

R Preston .....Sheffield Utd. .....

S Swindon .....Barnsley .....

Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

Including 1st February, 1969

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

	—HOME—						—AWAY—						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Derby	29	11	4	—	27	12	4	6	4	9	12	40
Midboro	29	10	4	—	26	6	5	2	8	18	26	36
Millwall	28	8	3	4	27	17	6	3	4	21	15	34
Cardiff	29	9	2	3	25	12	6	2	7	24	25	34
Charlton	28	7	5	1	24	15	5	4	6	17	24	33
Hull	29	7	5	3	28	16	3	6	5	15	20	31
Blackpool	28	6	6	3	25	14	4	4	5	10	11	30
Shef. Utd.	28	10	2	3	27	9	2	4	7	13	22	30
C. Palace	**26**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**28**	**17**	**4**	**4**	**5**	**17**	**19**	**30**
Blackburn	27	8	3	3	19	11	4	3	6	14	18	30
Carlisle	29	5	4	5	15	14	6	4	5	18	19	30
Hud'field	28	9	2	2	26	12	2	5	8	11	25	29
Norwich	28	4	3	6	14	15	7	3	5	23	19	28
Birm'ham	29	9	1	4	36	19	3	2	10	16	31	27
Bolton	28	5	5	5	22	19	3	5	5	16	16	26
Portmth	28	7	3	4	24	14	1	7	6	12	21	26
P.N.E.	27	5	6	2	14	12	3	4	7	10	17	26
Aston V.	29	7	6	2	15	7	1	2	11	11	32	24
Bristol C.	29	6	5	3	16	12	—	6	9	9	27	23
Bury	29	5	3	6	24	23	2	4	9	13	36	21
Oxford	27	2	5	7	10	19	3	1	9	9	20	16
Fulham	28	4	5	5	15	23	—	3	11	12	32	16

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham ...	16	12	1	3	42	17	25
Fulham	14	12	1	1	46	16	25
Arsenal	14	10	4	—	39	9	24
C. Palace	**16**	**10**	**2**	**4**	**26**	**20**	**22**
Ipswich	15	8	3	4	44	26	19
Q.P.R.	13	7	4	2	30	18	18
West Ham ...	15	5	8	2	24	17	18
Norwich	14	5	6	3	34	20	16
Bristol C.	12	7	1	4	24	16	15
Cardiff.....	15	6	3	6	19	21	15
Birmingham ...	16	7	1	8	32	25	15
Gillingham ...	14	5	5	4	14	16	15
Southampton	14	7	1	6	19	10	15
Plymouth	16	6	3	7	16	20	15
Bristol R.	17	6	2	9	29	40	14
Oxford	14	5	3	6	19	28	13
Walsall	13	5	3	5	23	22	13
Chelsea	14	5	2	7	25	27	12
Leicester.....	13	5	1	7	21	27	11
Swansea	15	2	6	7	21	35	10
Northampton	15	3	2	10	17	36	8
Reading	15	3	2	10	19	45	8
Peterborough	14	1	6	7	10	25	8
Bournemouth	14	1	6	7	15	27	8
Luton	14	1	5	8	11	39	7
Swindon	14	3	1	10	13	30	7

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Millwall	20	18	2	—	86	23	38
Ipswich	19	15	4	—	62	16	34
Orient.....	18	13	5	—	58	21	31
Q.P.R.	20	13	4	3	54	26	30
Charlton	19	10	5	4	45	24	25
C. Palace	**21**	**12**	**1**	**8**	**52**	**42**	**25**
Tottenham ...	20	9	2	9	52	28	20
Chelsea	19	8	2	9	45	39	18
Colchester ...	21	7	3	11	31	58	17
West Ham ...	21	5	6	10	26	48	16
Luton	20	4	7	9	36	46	15
Reading	21	5	4	12	32	73	14
Fulham	17	6	2	9	23	31	14
Watford	18	5	3	10	27	52	13
Brighton	21	4	3	14	31	56	11
Gillingham ...	17	3	1	13	15	37	7
Oxford	18	—	2	16	8	63	2

SURREY COMBINATION YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
C. Palace	**4**	**3**	**1**	—	**11**	**3**	**7**
Horsham.....	4	3	1	—	16	5	7
Battlebridge ...	4	3	—	1	16	14	6
Croydon A. ...	4	—	—	4	5	11	—
Redhill	4	—	—	4	3	18	—

SURREY COMBINATION YOUTH LEAGUE CUP

Horsham.....	4	2	1	1	12	9	5
Battlebridge ...	3	2	—	1	6	8	4
Croydon A. ...	3	1	1	1	11	10	3
C. Palace	**3**	**1**	—	**2**	**10**	**9**	**2**
Redhill	1	—	—	1	2	5	—

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Fulham	3	3	—	—	7	3	6
C. Palace	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**8**	**3**
Chelsea	2	1	1	—	4	3	3
Millwall	2	1	—	1	6	3	2
Tottenham ...	2	1	—	1	3	2	2
West Ham	2	—	—	2	2	5	—
Orient.....	1	—	—	1	—	4	—
Charlton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LEAGUE, LEAGUE CUP & F.A. CUP

Appearances

J. Jackson	26	6	C. Taylor	17(1)	6
McCormick	26	6	Loughlan	15	4
Kember	26	6	Bannister	13(2)	3
C. Jackson	26	6	Hoy	13	3
Blyth	21(1)	5	A. Taylor	9	—(1)
Lazarus	22	5	Presland	5	—
Woodruff	21	5(1)	Dawkins	3	1
Payne	21	5	Long	2	—
Sewell	19(1)	5	Hoadley	1	—

(1st column—League. 2nd column—Cups).

Goalscorers

League: C. Jackson 10, Lazarus 7, C. Taylor 6, Woodruff 6, Kember 5, Payne 3, Blyth 3, Hoy 1, A. Taylor 1, Dawkins 1, McCormick 1. Bannister 1.
League Cup: C. Jackson 3, C. Taylor 2, Payne 1.

COMBINATION & COMBINATION CUP

Appearances

Parsons	26	Goldthorpe	5(1)
Vansittart	25	Brophy	5
Oliver	24	Snowdon	3
Cook	23(1)	Mosedale	3
Long	21(1)	Blyth	3
L. Tomkins	21	Light	2
Dawkins	20(1)	Hamilton	2
Morton	20	Loughlan	1
Corrigan	18	Hoy	1
Hoadley	17(1)	A. Taylor	1
Wooldridge	16(2)	C. Taylor	1
Presland	14	Woodruff	1
Bickles	7	Lewis	—(1)
Harland	6(1)		

Goalscorers

Morton 10, L. Tomkins 8, Cook 7, Oliver 4, Vansittart 3, Presland 2, Dawkins 2, Long 1, Hoadley 1, C. Taylor 1, Blyth 1. Own Goals 3.

JUNIOR (U.18) XI GOALSCORERS

Mosedale 11, Harland 9, Norman 9, Grove 7, S. Tomkins 6, Borurne 6, Mills 6, Jenkins 2, Lewis 2, Goldthorpe 1, Prime 1. Own Goals 3.

JUNIOR (U.17) XI GOALSCORERS

Jenkins 14, Kilby 9, Crane 9, Norman 5, Newman 5, Pugh 4, Mann 3, Prime 3, Pain 2, Fillery 1, Dicker 1, Wiltshire 1, P. Brown 1. Bell 1, Own Goals 1.

AMATEUR YOUTH XI GOALSCORERS

Stanton 21, Austin 17, T. Clark 6, Tanner 6, Newman 7, Ward 4, Bobb 3, Gandolfi 2, A. Jackson 2, Webber 1, Rogers 1, Wiltshire 1, Whitehead 1, Pearson 1, Dicker 1, Eastick 1, Pain 1, Own Goals 2.

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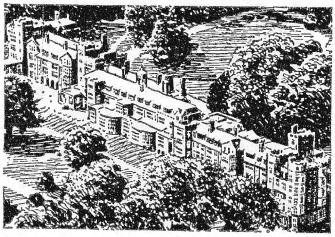

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v. OXFORD UNITED
Football League Division 2.

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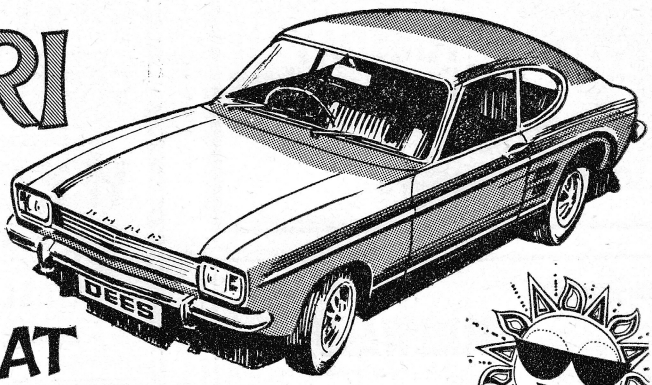

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A LOOK AT DERBY COUNTY

by Brian Wright

"Derby County 4 — Charlton 2"
To anyone interested in football to-day, that scoreline conjures up an image of a Second Division battle just about finishing according to form.

For those with a longer memory however, it is a reminder of Derby's great days. This was the score of the first post-war Wembley Cup Final when "the Rams" were a real power in the land.

The match itself was one of Wembley's best. H. Turner the Charlton right-half scored for both sides, but it was Peter Doherty and Raich Carter, considered by many as the most complete pair of inside forwards ever, who were the real architects of the Midlanders victory after extra time.

That was in 1947. What a change of fortunes there have been at the Baseball Ground since then!

In 1952-53 Derby were relegated along with Stoke City. For two years they struggled in a losing battle to regain their place in the First Division, but matters went from bad to worse and in 1954-55 they were relegated to "Division Three North".

Fancy a famous old club playing in a Division like the "Third North"!

Neutrals all over the country hoped County would come back immediately—they felt uncomfortable looking for their scores down there.

Grimsby Town (another post-war ex-First Division side) pipped them for promotion in 1955-56, but the following season Hartlepool and Accrington Stanley were beaten in the final run in, and "the Rams" were on their way back at last!

Twelve years of Second Division football have now slipped by, and for the first time in that spell Derby County look capable of that longed for return to the top.

In the Football League Cup they have proved their worth against First Division giants, and the locals have whipped up their

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support to a fantatical peak as the top of the table struggle continues week by week.

Gates of around 26,000 now pour into the Baseball Ground quite regularly, while the top home crowd is 35,000.

Midland football in the Second Division has in fact a few lessons for its senior neighbours. Aston Villa have had over 40,000 at Villa Park following the arrival of Tommy Docherty. Birmingham City's attractive attacking outfit have also brought in this amount, and for a Tuesday night visit from "the Rams", St. Andrews benefitted from a 39,000 crowd.

The Midlanders enthusiasm for football after some lean years has certainly not dropped off, but it's interesting to see the boom in the Second Division.

So how did it "happen" at Derby? A young man, whose career as a free scoring centre forward was cut short by injury, had caught the eye with his good work as Manager of unfashionable Hartlepools.

Brian Clough was obviously going far in the administrative side of the game and it was Derby County who won the race for his signature.

As a player, he often had spectators wondering whether there was a mystery about him that they couldn't understand.

He scored goal after goal, but never seemed to receive the honours he deserved. Eventually Walter Winterbottom did include him but his caps came after his peak and he never gained a regular England place. A nagging injury finally forced Brian to retire and this quiet, serious man, began a managerial career that even now has not reached its peak.

Derby already had a collection of good youngsters but it was soon apparent that they needed a leader to harness their enthusiasm and give them experienced direction out "on the park".

It was here that Brian Clough pulled his master stroke. He travelled to White Hart Lane and persuaded Dave Mackay to play his last few years of football in Derby Colours. Tottenham rewarded Dave's fine service by transferring him at a small fee, and everyone, except perhaps the Spurs fans, have been happy ever since.

It is at the back alongside promising young centre-half Roy McFarland that Dave now plays. No longer does he appear determined to cover every blade of grass, but his quieter game is played, tidying up, directing, and driving the team forward. The youngsters are quite prepared to do the running their skipper demands, and have impressed all the critics with their smooth style, unselfish work for each other, and general disciplined tactics.

Every team needs its fair share of glamour and it is usually the forwards who have most spectator appeal.

Derby prove no exception to this, as Kevin Hector, Alan Hinton and John O'Hare all have "Star Quality".

In defence, goalkeeper Les Green and young full-backs Ron Webster and John Robson have greatly benefited from the advice and reassuring presence of skipper Mackay.

A successful modern club must possess hard working and dominating mid-field players, so Derby's excellent form is not surprising when one realises they have brilliant youngster Jimmy Walker, experienced Willie Carlin and Welsh International Alan Durban.

This County side is extremely well balanced, and their many older supporters are desperately hoping that the name of Derby County will once again be ranked among the Country's very best.

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PALACE v. MILLWALL

Past Results

Football League	*Home*	*Away*
1920/21	3—2	1—0
1925/26	1—2	0—1
1926/27	1—6	0—1
1927/28	0—4	1—1
1934/35	1—1	2—3
1935/36	5—0	0—4
1936/37	1—0	0—3
1937/38	0—0	2—2
1948/49	1—1	0—1
1949/50	1—0	3—2
1950/51	1—1	0—1
1951/52	1—1	1—3
1952/53	0—1	0—0
1953/54	2—3	2—2
1954/55	1—1	2—5
1955/56	2—2	1—1
1956/57	2—2	0—3
1957/58	0—1	0—3
1958/59	4—0	1—2
1959/60	1—2	0—1
1960/61	0—2	2—0
1962/63	3—0	1—1
1963/64	2—2	1—0
1966/67	1—2	1—1
1967/68	2—2	1—5
1968/69	—	2—0
F.A. Cup		
1921/22 Rd. 2	0—0	0—2
1928/29 Rd. 4	5—3	0—0
1950/51 Rd. 1	1—4	—
1956/57 Rd. 3	—	0—2

JOHN HENTY'S VIEWPOINTS

August 28, 1948. October 8, 1949. January 20, 1951. September 6, 1952. September 5, 1953. January 16, 1954. What have all these dates in common? Well you can add todays date because they're all Palace v. Millwall match days. At Selhurst Park and The Den. The Local Derby. The "Crunch".

Looking back over the years, I can always remember — in particular — clashes between the two clubs. There was the game on November 29, 1950, when fog completely blotted out the S.E.25 ground and one Sunday newspaper carried a photograph of the Lion's goalie peering into the murk. In the re-arranged fixture the following Wednesday, Millwall beat us at Selhurst Park by four goals to one.

One September 6, 1952, while the clubs were engaged in a goalless draw, at the Farnborough Air Show, Test Pilot, John Derry, crashed into a large Saturday afternoon crowd. On January 16, 1954, one of our two goals at home was scored by the team's trainer today, Jess Willard, yet we still lost by the odd goal—3—2.

I expect many of you in the crowd this afternoon—whichever side you support—will have similar reminiscences. Why not jot them down on a sheet of paper or postcard (maximum 50 words) and enter our Prize Competition. The winning entry will receive a voucher entitling two lucky people to a slap-up Chinese meal in Croydon's first Chinese restaurant—The Palace. They serve really marvellous food—needless to say!

Mark your entries: PALACE/MILLWALL and get them to Crystal Palace Football Club, Selhurst Park, London, S.E.25, before Sunday, February 16. There is obviously no age limit and entries received after Sunady cannot be considered.

Please add your own address and the date of the match described (if possible). The winning entry will be published in a future programme together with two runners-up, who will receive complimentary stand tickets for a future home game. This is the chance of an evening out not to be missed.

Now to some more correspondence. A Lancashire lad who is a keen Palace supporter living in Burnley, would like a Palace pen friend who would swap news with him and programmes. His name is Roy Taylor and he lives at 2 Myrtle Avenue, Stoops Estate in Burnley.

Two Mitcham girls who describe themselves as "devoted Palace fans" would like to see more unity amongst the Supporters Club. They are Miss S. Garvey and Mss D. Murphy who suggest more get-togethers for different age groups.

They write: "In this way, the Supporters Club members could get to know each other better and feel as though they really belong to the club, without just relying on away match trips—which not everyone can afford.

Well I think you will find girls that the situation should improve drastically next season with the opening of the new Supporters Club house in the car park. Get in touch with Club officials now and see that some of your splendid ideas are put into action. Thanks for writing.

Finally, I'm told that supporters travelling home after the match via Leicester Square or Piccadilly can now see full time results for all London clubs and up-to-the minute details of their league positions on Europe's largest newscaster on the swish Swiss Centre in Leicester Square. Like the man said: "Very interesting."

TO-DAY'S OFFICIALS

Mr. K. B. Kirkpatrick, our referee today, has just recently returned from Malta where he was the senior linesman in the Inter Cities Fairs match between Airis Salonica and Hibernians. He was born in Leicester and has two sons, one of which is watching today. The other one is keen on becoming a professional footballer and prefers to play for the school team rather than watch the game. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been a referee for twenty years in local schoolboy football, and is now in his third year as league referee. Being a regular in the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm, the opportunities gave him plenty of scope to follow in this particular interest, because there was a shortage of officials in the forces.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a Sales Director in a Hosiery Firm in Barrow, Leics.

A Personnel Officer for Avon Cosmetics is Mr. R. A. Long, our first linesman this afternoon. Aged 42, Mr. Long was born in Northampton. He was a player with the local amateur club (Northampton Royals) until 1951, when he dropped out of the side and started to line for them. The idea if being an official sounded quote good and he decided to take to the whistle.

Mr. Long is married with three sons, and is now on his sixth visit to Selhurst.

Born in Lee, London, Mr. I. S. Walton's occupation is with the Royal Marines. He started as an official in the Royal Navy, when no referee turned up for the ship's game, he was "Volunteered". He used also to play half back for various service units until the "Refereeing Bug" took over. Mr. Walton is the Local Referee Association Branch Secretary.

MILLWALL F.C. 1968-69

Back Row L-R: John Gilchrist, Harry Cripps, Ken Jones, Brian King, Barry Kitchener, Dennis Burnett, Brian Nichols.
Front Row L-R: Dick Plume, Derek Possee, Keith Waller, Bryan Conlon, [since transferred], George Jacks, Billy Neil, Eamon Dunphy.

MEET THE PRESS

Few weekly newspapers send two sports-writers to cover the activities of a local soccer club as the "Croydon Advertiser" does in the case of Crystal Palace. They are John Matthews and David McClelland.

John is following in his father's footsteps. His dad was a journalist on the "Kentish Observer" and the "Croydon Advertiser" and father took son on soccer trips while he was covering Canterbury Waverley, a Kent League club.

After Army service and deciding not to return to the bank where he worked beforehand, John, a former Simon Langton School (Canterbury) pupil, joined the "Advertiser" in 1949, covering amateur soccer before switching to Crystal Palace in 1957.

He has followed Palace through three divisions, remembering the black days when the club fell to the Fourth Division and the recovery through the Third to the Second. He has moments to savour, as on the occasion of the gala match against Real Madrid and the fine F.A. Cup run of 1965.

He remembers the personalities like Johnny Byrne, in his first period with Palace, when his goalscoring feats and his skills helped Palace win the points and draw far bigger crowds in the Fourth Division than they get today.

Byrne was followed by a crowd-puller like Cliff Holton, always liable to explode into goalscoring action. Possibly it is the lack of a star attraction in the front line that fails to lure the audiences the club needs now to pay its way.

David McClelland is comparatively new to the Selhurst Press box—yet he can claim to have watched Palace longer than most of his colleagues.

He is Croydon born and bred and first saw Palace over 20 years ago in their Third Division (South) days. They were an entertaining side with plenty of characters, he recalls, but regrets that they did not make higher league status then. It would surely have pushed Palace to make the ground improvements that are only just being made now.

Educated at the Whitgift Middle School (now Trinity), David entered journalism in 1953, but did not get his opportunity to switch to sports reporting until after his National Service days.

First of all sports editor of the Sutton series of the "Advertiser" group, David mostly covered Isthmian League amateurs Sutton United.

His trips to Selhurst were infrequent in those days but when the Advertiser introduced the "Croydon Midweek" in May, 1967, David was made its sports editor and he was glad to have the opportunity to watch Palace regularly again.

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These trips will be at weekends during May, June and July.

Leave your name with the Travel Officer now.

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Draw

Keep your eyes open for our end of season draw. It will have many worthwhile prizes. Full details later.

Suggested Ladies Section

A meeting of all ladies willing to assist the Supporters Club in the formation of various sections ready for the new Supporters Club Hall, which is now well under way.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION 2

Aug. 10	Cardiff City	A	4—0
„ 14	**Huddersfield Town**	H	2—1
„ 17	**Birmingham City**	H	3—2
„ 20	Middlesbrough	A	0—4
„ 24	Bury	A	1—2
„ 28	**Norwich**	H	2—0
„ 31	**Charlton Athletic**	H	3—3
Sept. 7	**Carlisle**	H	5—0
„ 13	Fulham	A	0—1
„ 21	**Preston**	H	1—2
„ 28	Portsmouth	A	3—3
Oct. 5	**Sheffield United**	H	1—1
„ 9	Norwich	A	1—0
„ 12	Aston Villa	A	1—1
„ 19	**Bristol City**	H	2—1
„ 26	Blackpool	A	0—3
Nov. 2	**Bolton Wanderers**	H	2—1
„ 9	Oxford	A	2—0
„ 16	**Blackburn**	H	1—0
„ 23	Millwall	A	2—0
„ 30	**Derby**	H	1—2
Dec. 7	Hull	A	0—2
„ 14	**Aston Villa**	H	4—2
„ 26	Sheffield United	A	1—1
Jan. 11	Bolton Wanderers	A	2—2
„ 25	**Blackpool**	H	1—2
Feb. 1	Blackburn	A	Ab.
„ 8	**Millwall**	H	.....
„ 15	Derby	A	.....
„ 19	**Oxford**	H	.....
„ 22	**Hull**	H	.....
„ 25	Bristol City	A	.....
Mar. 1	**Cardiff City**	H	.....
„ 8	Birmingham	A	.....
„ 15	**Bury**	H	.....
„ 22	Charlton A.	A	.....
„ 29	Carlisle	A	.....
Apr. 4	**Middlesbrough**	H	.....
„ 5	**Portsmouth**	H	.....
„ 8	Huddersfield	A	.....
„ 12	Preston North End	A	.....
„ 19	**Fulham**	H	.....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Sept. 4	(2) **Preston**	H	3—1
„ 24	(3) Orient	A	1—0
Oct. 16	(4) **Leeds**	H	2—1
„ 30	(5) Burnley	A	0—2

F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

Jan. 4	(3) Charlton A.	A	0—0
„ 8	(3) Charlton A.	H	0—2

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES & RESULTS

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Aug. 10	**Ipswich**	H	3—3
„ 17	Fulham	A	0—3
„ 21	**Fulham**	H	2—1
„ 24	Norwich	A	0—2
„ 31	Tottenham	A	1—8
Sept. 7	Ipswich	A	3—3
„ 14	**Gillingham**	H	3—0
„ 18	**Tottenham**	H	1—3
„ 21	Gillingham	A	0—1
Oct. 9	**Norwich**	H	4—1

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

Sept. 30	(1) Charlton	A	3—0
Oct. 23	(2) **Q.P.R.**	H	0—3

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Sept. 28	**Birmingham**	H	2—1
„ 19	Gillingham	A	1—0
„ 26	**Leicester**	H	2—3
Nov. 2	Luton	A	2—1
„ 6	Cardiff City	A	1—0
„ 16	Plymouth Argyle	A	1—0
„ 20	**Bristol City**	H	2—1
„ 23	**Arsenal**	H	1—1
„ 30	Oxford	A	1—2
Dec. 7	**Swindon**	H	3—0
„ 14	Swansea	A	1—1
Jan. 4	**Bournemouth**	H	2—1
„ 11	**West Ham United**	H	3—2
„ 22	Reading	A	2—4
„ 25	Peterborough	A	2—0
Feb. 1	**Fulham**	H	0—3
„ 5	Southampton	A	.....
„ 15	**Norwich**	H	.....
„ 22	Ipswich	A	.....
Mar. 8	**Chelsea**	H	.....
„ 15	Bristol Rovers	A	.....
„ 22	**Tottenham**	H	.....
„ 29	**Walsall**	H	.....
Apr. 12	**Q.P.R.**	H	.....
„ 15	Northampton	A	.....

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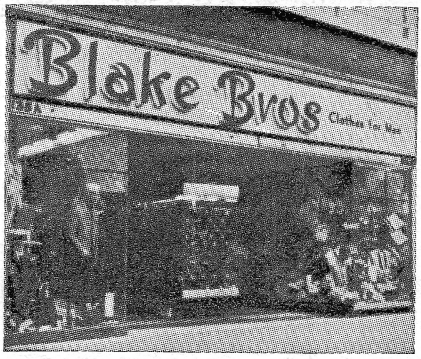

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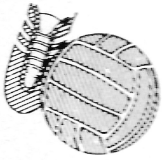

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